1/7/03 Roger Sabonis telephoned and left message that he wants to see me on 1/16/03 because he has a business appointment in St Louis on 1/17/03.

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wants to visit and see New York in America

Subj: **A Request For Help**
Date: 12/28/2002 2:09:37 PM Central Standard Time
From: [redacted]
To:

Eric,

I am not sure if you remember me, but Tom Rinaldo introduced us and I stopped by to see you on a business trip I had in St. Louis a while back. In any event, I have been doing some research on a coin I own that I beleive you also once owned. It is the Roper, New Yorke In America Token. The Roper catalogue lists the provinance as solely being the Jenks collection. However, in Kleeberg's '91 COAC article, he lists the pedigree as being Morris, Jenks, T.J. Clarke (NN 56), Newman, and then Roper. Unfortunately, there is no NYIAT in the Clarke sale which makes me wonder if the Kleeberg ownership chain is at all right. Did you ever own this coin? If so where did it come from and how did it get to Roper.

On another matter, I was curious as to whether you still maintain an interest in Holt Plantation Farthings. Besides your article, very little is written about this interesting true American Colonial. I have acquired what I think is a very nice collection of Plantation Farthings that I would like to further research and discuss. Do you still own any of your collection?

I hope I am not imposing with these questions, but when we last met you suggested I e-mail you with research questions.

Best Regards,

Roger Siboni

Subj:	**Re: A Request For Help**
Date:	12/28/2002 9:58:13 PM Central Standard Time
From:	[redacted]
To:	

Eric,

Sorry it has been so long. I was waiting for a good reason to contact you, but now that I have I won't be a starnger. It is hard to find people that share an enthusiasm for the breadth of coins I am interested in. Moreover, even though my knowledge is developing, I have so much to learn at this point.

My collection is also coming along, aside from a fairly well developed set of New Jerseys, I have come a long way with Colonial types. So for example, I have a Brass and Pewter/Lead NYIAT. I also have four of the Holt Palntation Farthings specifically including the HB:REX, 2-B, Sideways 4 and Transposed Arms. I am considering acquiring the rest (which are easier than at least three of the preceeding four) now that I want to do some research on them. I feel they are an enormously underappreciated series. As silly as this may seem, my first take on restrikes vs. origianals is condition and metal. Then I look to things like position of the head of the Horseman versus the legend lettering but I am still learning. Other projects I am working on are the history surrounding the Rickets Circus Token, why Atlee chose Clinton's visage as one of his New York Patterns and some way to pin down what a TRUE representative group of French Colonials should be. On this latter score, I find Breen to all encopassing, Hodder to narrow, and the Redbook unthought out.

I am begining to pass along more Company leadership to my lieutenants at work and therefore am getting a little more free time for numismatics.

I actually have contacted Kleeberg regarding his NYIAT article. I think there was a cross circutting of your piece and mine in his analysis even though they never seemed to have crossed paths. I am hopeful this is a one-off issue as the article was otherwise so well done.

Sorry for the rambling, but if it is OK with you, I would really like to continue to chat about the foregoing and other topics...particularly, your thoughts on the development of my library.

Best Regards,

Roger

Subj:	**Re: A Request For Help**
Date:	12/28/2002 8:01:21 PM Central Standard Time
From:	[redacted]
To:	

Dear Roger: It is almost a new year and I was glad to hear from you as I thought you got lost. I am glad your numismatic enthusiasm is continuing.
As far as the New Yorke in America brass token is concerned ours was acquired from the Green Estate by Burdette Johnson and me in 1941 and I took it under my right of selection. Come see it at any time. The coin has become more important after the Kleeberg article was published. Kleeberg is a good friend of mine and I will ask him to help you if that would be your wish.

As to the Plantation tokens I believe I or someone wrote a follow up on my original article when someone found a new variety. That is all I remember but I will try to locate my research file on the subject if you want me to. That will have everything I ever learned on the matter. My holdings consist of about 6 different varieties. It is extremely difficult to tell the restrikes from the originals of the two varieties which were restruck. If you have a clue please let me know.
Thrive. Eric

Roger S. Siboni

Eric and Evelyn

Thank you for a wonderful day and evening.

Best,
Roger

Subj: **A Thank You**
Date: 1/19/2003 2:17:15 PM Central Standard Time
From: [redacted]
To:

Eric,

I wanted to drop you a note to thank you and your wife for a most wonderful social and numismatic day. I truly enjoyed getting to know you and your wife and talking coins. The Plantation Farthings were great to see but the highlights for me were the gold Washington President and the George Clinton Cent. What wonderful pieces!

Also, you brought a copy of the May 63 Numismatist with your article on Silver St. Pat Farthings which I read and enjoyed on the plane trip home. However, I am not sure if you brought that for me to have or just to look at. If the latter please let me know so I can return it ASAP. If to have, I will keep it in my library as a reference source. Either way...thanks much.

Again, best to you and your wife and you must let me reciprocate if you are ever in San Francisco or the New York area.

Best,

Roger

Roger S. Siboni

Dear Eric,

Thank you for your kind note of January 31, 2005. It is great to hear from you. I truly enjoyed that day we spent together in St. Louis.

Thank you for your comments on the Vlack 14-84A. I read your article several years

ago, but it is still very relevant. I will post a note in next quarter's newsletter regarding the 1785 Act.

I have been fortunate to have stepped back from my day to day job to devote much of my time to numismatics. Also, the Ford Sales have given me the chance to greatly improve my collection.

Please stay in touch.

Best
Roger